

House Resolution No. 234

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have answered the patriotic call to national service through their involvement in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Raffaele Antonio Monetti of Warrensburg, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Lieutenant Colonel at Whiteman Air Force Base, where he is a B-2 instructor pilot with the 394 Combat Training Squadron; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti will draw his twenty-two-year-long career in the military to a close in well-deserved retirement on January 31, 2008; and

Whereas, with additional duties as the Plans Chief and the Master Air Attack Plans Chief for NATO's Combined Air Operations Center Five in Poggio Renatico, Italy, Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti is a former B-52 Instructor Pilot, B-1 Instructor Pilot, T-38 Pilot, T-37 Pilot, and Cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti was a Combat Pilot of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Allied Force who has two Master's degrees, one from Webster University and one from the Air Command and Staff College, and is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and Air War College; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti is the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medals, and Air Medals; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti is the beloved husband of Penny Monetti and the loving father of Giuliano Nico Monetti, Antonio Monetti, and Gabriella Monetti, all of whom support and encourage his endeavors as the founder of Warrensburg Big Brothers Big Sisters program, the owner of Monetti's Italian Restaurant, and a member of the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and the Daedalians Fraternal Aeronautical Order of Pilots:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Monetti and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant Colonel Raffaele Antonio Monetti of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 234, adopted January 24, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker